

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-45 were previously pending in this application. By way of this amendment, Applicants are canceling claims 1-15, 17, 24-39 and 41-45 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 16, 18, 19 and 21-23 have been amended. As a result, 16, 18-23 and 40 are pending for examination with claims 16, 18, 19 and 21-23 being independent as now amended. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 6-11, 16 18-23, 29, 31-36 and 40 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 16 and 18-23 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 20 and 40 depend from independent claims 18 and 19 respectively and should be allowed for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend. Accordingly, Claims 16, 18, 19 and 21-23 as now amended and claims 20 and 40 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5, 12-15, 17, 24-28, 30, 37-39 and 41-45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Runaldue (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,654). Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3, 5, 12-15, 17, 24-28, 30, 37-39 and 41-45 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 12-15, 17, 24-28, 30, 37-39 and 41-45 should be withdrawn.

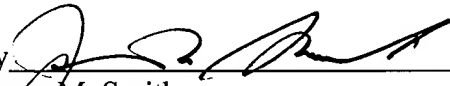
Applicant reserves the right to file those claims in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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